

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 28th March 2025



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

As I am sure many of you realise, as a Headteacher, I usually have quite a lot to say for myself!

This week, however, I am almost speechless because I am overwhelmed by the amount of monies which have come into school in support of Revd Melissa's fundraising efforts for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity – to date our school community has raised a whopping:

£2,008.60

This is incredible; what a fantastic illustration of our school Christian Values in action.

Art in the Community

Local community group Dover SmART have invited us to produce some art designs for display on fencing around the building site in Bench Street. Children in Classes 2 and 5 have been working on this project with some of them attending a workshop in the Dover SmART gallery.



Mrs Phengphachanh reports:

'We are thrilled to share with you the wonderful experience some children from Year 5 and Year 2 classes had at the 'My Dover from Above' art workshop! This event took place at the Dover Smart Project community gallery, where our young learners embarked on an exciting journey to explore and express their creativity.'

The 'My Dover from Above' workshop was a huge success as it provided a platform for children to view our community from a fresh perspective. They had great fun working on an art project and discovered new ways to appreciate the story of the upcoming landmark 'The Bench Building' with construction due to finish in 2026.

Thank you to the Dover Smart Project for hosting such a wonderful event and to all who participated in making this enriching workshop possible'.

The children said:

"I enjoyed using different colours to represent my excitement about the new building"

"I was so amazed to know that there will be a chroma key green screen in the new building!"

"It was so interesting to talk to the site manager and he talked about safety gear and the crane!"

"I used yellow to give a shadowy and 3D effect to my painting"

We are really pleased to have been invited to take part in this project and look forward to seeing the finished images.



Class 3 & Class 4 Dover Museum Trip

Class 3 and Class 4 visited Dover Museum this week. They handled Roman artefacts that were thousands of years old, and immersed themselves into Dover's local history to enhance their topics - 'Invasion and Settlements'. They had an amazing time creating their very own 'Roman Draco' and had some time to explore the museum, including the wonderful Bronze Age Boat. The children were beautifully behaved and represented the school brilliantly. A fantastic time was had by all!

"I liked seeing the mini model of Dover." - Sara

"I liked making the Draco dragons!" - Laura

"I liked seeing the Bronze Age boat because it is from 3500 years ago."

"I liked seeing the polar bear but it was a bit scary." - Jacob



Reception Class September 2025

If you have a child due to start school in Reception Class in September 2025 (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), or know of anyone who is, and have not yet applied for a school place, please contact the school office for information.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

There were lots of opportunities to reflect in Worship this week as Revd. Claire discussed the importance of good choices and how linking this to our school values and three key rules. The parable of God's Kingdom was shared. These parables of the Kingdom were stories Jesus told to help his followers to know how to live as part of God's Kingdom. This parable is about fishing, which Jesus and his disciples knew a lot about. I wonder what values and rules you stand by? How do these help us to flourish?

In addition, the children continued to practise for their Easter performance, which unfortunately will now be in the school hall on Monday, 31st March (for children and staff only) due to the Church being unavailable - the pupils are continuing to sing beautifully. The week was rounded off with a range of celebrations and awards shared - another fantastic week for all our children - well done!



Online Courses April - May 2025

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
149489	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	24/04/25	24/04/25	THU	12:30	14:30
149882	Fathers Matter	29/04/25	29/04/25	TUE	19:00	21:00
149497	Understanding Your Teenager	29/04/25	20/05/25	TUE	19:00	21:00
149919	Supporting ADHD in The Home	01/05/25	22/05/25	THU	09:30	11:30
148525	Keeping Up With The Children - Maths	07/05/25	28/05/25	WED	12:30	14:30
149428	Stepping Up Into Primary	07/05/25	07/05/25	WED	09:30	11:30
149482	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	07/05/25	07/05/25	WED	18:00	21:00
149517	Exploring Behaviour Strategies	12/05/25	12/05/25	MON	10:00	12:00
148668	Family First Aid	12/05/25	19/05/25	MON	09:30	11:30
149513	Navigating The Perimenopause & Menopause Workshop	14/05/25	14/05/25	WED	19:00	21:00

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



To book your place on one of these **FREE** courses, go to www.kentadulteducation.co.uk and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information, email businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk

Call 03000 41 22 22

kentadulteducation.co.uk
Bringing learning to life



Kent Adult Education is part of Community Learning and Skills

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Sonny is Turtles Class Learner of the Week as he has been working really hard to develop his listening and attention skills. He has also joined in with all of our learning, and we are SUPER proud of his amazing sentence writing and letter formation! Well done Sonny!



Class 1 – Starfish Class Learner of the Week is **Mollie!** Mollie has settled into our class so well, has made friends and joins in with all games on the playground. She is trying really hard in her reading group, and has had a brilliant week working hard to learn a new sound and practising blending words. A brilliant start to life at St Mary's – well done Mollie!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Raven!** Raven is a budding writer who is showing wonderful progress, independently using her knowledge of phonics to help create her sentences. Raven is happy and thriving in Otters Class and her enthusiastic participation in PE has been impressive. Keep making us proud Raven!

Class 3 – Eavie-Mai is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has tried her best with all her learning and has produced some fantastic work! Eavie-Mai has enjoyed creating her own version of George's Marvellous Medicine using some interesting and creative ingredients in her own creation. Keep up the great work Eavie-Mai – we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – All of Penguins Class are our Learners of the Week for their wonderful enthusiasm during our Dover Museum trip. They listened brilliantly during both workshops and showed wonderful respect to the adults at the museum. They created brilliant Draco Dragons and asked thought-provoking questions. We were all very proud of them. Well done Penguins Class!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Michelle!** Michelle has been extremely helpful in class, and we have been delighted to see her confidence grow. Her singing in Collective Worship is lovely to see and she is a wonderful role model to her peers. Keep it up Michelle – you are amazing!

Class 6 – Leo is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as he has worked so hard in all his learning, but we are particularly impressed with his maths. What a super example of perseverance and resilience you are! Leo is an excellent role model and represents the school brilliantly as a member of the choir! Well done Leo!

Thought for the Week

"Art washes away from the soul
the dust of everyday life."
— Pablo Picasso

BOREDPANDA.COM

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

APRIL 2025

- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CUPPA SOUP
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- SQUASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- NOODLES
- TINNED MEAT
- SHAMPOO
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- INSTANT MASH
- LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- TIN OPENERS

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty
of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
DA11 7AL, UK

Go with the Flo...

Attendance Letters

You will be receiving your child's Registration Certificate next week which shows you what your child's attendance percentage is for this academic year.

We have printed the certificate on coloured paper.

- If the certificate is printed on **green** paper your child's attendance is not a concern and your child will be making the most of the education that is on offer at school.
- If the certificate is printed on **yellow** paper your child will be missing a worrying amount of education.
- If the certificate is printed on **red** your child is classified as a persistent absentee and they will be missing a significant amount of their education.

Please also see the Kent County Council leaflet that was sent with the certificate.

As always if you are worried about your child's attendance please give the office a call and they can arrange for a meeting with me so we can explore what support we are able to offer.

Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **LANG** - 185
- 2nd - **RAMSEY** - 173
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 162
- 4th - **TEMPLE** - 145

The winning House
for best attendance
this week is...

RAMSEY !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 2 - 107 points**
- Joint 2nd - **Class 5 & Class 6**
98 points

Term 4 2024

Monday 31st March:
Easter Collective Worship

Tuesday 1st April:
Easter Egg Hunt – 3:15pm

Wednesday 2nd April:

Thursday 3rd April:
SEND Coffee Morning – 9:00am

Friday 4th April:
Class 2 Dover Lifeboat Visit
LAST DAY OF TERM 4

TERM 5 BEGINS ON
TUESDAY, 22nd APRIL



Thank you for your patience at the school gate. We may be busy or on the telephone if we do not answer the buzzer straight away. We will be with you as soon as we can.

Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Child OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by The Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DfES.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com

Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA - SEARCH COOLMILKSCHEME

Lunch Menu – Week 3 Week Beginning Monday, 31st March 2025

If you pay for your child's cooked lunch, the cost will be **£2.50 a day**. **This payment will be made directly to the school and must be paid for in advance.** Please note payment details below: -

Name of Account - KCC RE DOVER ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Sort Code - 60-60-08
Account Number - 83294082
Reference – [Child's Name] Lunch

		Menu - November 2024 - March 2025		
		Week One 04/11,25/11,06/01,27/01,24/02,17/03	Week Two 11/11,02/12,13/01,03/02,03/03,24/03	Week Three 18/11,09/11,20/01,10/02,10/01,31/03
Monday	Option 1	Home-made Pizza	Mac n Cheese	Pea & Basil Pesto Pasta
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Pasta Provencale	Tomato Pasta
	served with	Pasta Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Dough Balls Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Flatbread Peas & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Tuesday	Option 1	Beef Burger	Breaded Chicken Steak	Mild Chicken Curry
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Bolognese with Pasta
	served with	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Jacket Wedges Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Rice Carrots & Green Beans
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Wednesday	Option 1	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy	Roast Pork with Gravy
	Option 2	Veggie Pie	Quorn Sausage & Gravy	Winter Vegetable Bake
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Thursday	Option 1	Pork Meatballs	Lasagne	Sausage Roll Slice & Gravy
	Option 2	Meatless Meatballs	Veggie Burritos	Quorn Sausage Roll
	served with	Pasta Carrots & Green Beans	Garlic Bread Peas & Cauliflower	Mash Peas & Carrots
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Raspberry Buns Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	*Cheese Puff	Corried Veggie Pasty	*Pizza Whirl
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly

Follow these links to our website and social media

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
Matthew Lamprell – Headteacher
office@stmarysprimary.net - 01304 206887